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1. Introduction

In 2012 a Defense Acquisition Challenge (DAC) program proposal was submitted to the US Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) to provide improved armor-plate materials for production and repair of existing or new aluminum (Al)-based monocoque armored-vehicle hulls such as those of the M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles. Also in 2012 the Aluminum Association assigned a new 2XXX-series alloy designation to Alcoa for aluminum alloy (AA) 2060, granting it full commercial availability as rolled plate from Davenport, IA. AA2060 remains under patent protection and is solely manufactured by Alcoa. AA2060 was confirmed as having similar mechanical properties as the AA2195 alloy and therefore became the basis for a fiscal year 2012 OSD-funded DAC program to fully validate and ultimately transition AA2060 for availability as an appliqué armor plate in US acquisition. The ballistics goal of this program was to verify that AA2060-T8 met or exceeded the performance of AA2195-T64.¹

Several thicknesses of 2060-T8 were provided to ARL by Alcoa. Table 1 is a summary matrix of the tested thicknesses subjected to impacts from various munitions including armor-piercing (AP) and fragment-simulating projectiles (FSPs). Additionally, Table 2 provides the required chemistries for AA2060 as well as other common Al-armor alloys.

Table 1 Test matrix for AA2060 indicating the number of plates tested

Nominal plate gage (mm)	0.30-cal. APM2 30° obliquity	0.30-cal. APM2 0° obliquity	0.50-cal. APM2 0° obliquity	0.50-cal. FSP 0° obliquity	20-mm FSP 0° obliquity
12.70	2	...	...	...	...
19.05	1	1	...	1	...
25.40	...	3	...	3	3
31.75	...	1	...	...	1
38.10	...	4	4	...	4
50.80	...	...	3	...	2
57.15	...	...	1	...	...
63.50	...	...	2	...	...

Table 2 Chemistry of AAs' weight-percent ranges²

Element	2139	2195	2519	5083	6061	2060	7039	7085
Copper	4.5–5.5	3.70–4.30	5.30–6.40	0.10 max	0.15–0.40	3.40–4.50	0.10 max	1.3–2.0
Iron	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.30 max ^a	0.40 max	0.70 max	0.07 max	0.40 max	0.08 max
Lithium	...	0.80–1.20	...	...	...	0.60–0.90	...	...
Chromium	0.05 max	...	...	0.05–0.25	0.04–0.35	...	0.15–0.25	0.04 max
Manganese	0.20–0.60	0.25 max	0.10–0.50	0.40–1.0	0.15 max	0.10–0.50	0.10–0.40	0.04 max
Magnesium	0.20–0.80	0.25–0.80	0.05–0.40	4.0–4.90	0.8–1.2	0.60–1.10	2.30–3.30	1.2–1.8
Silicon	0.10 max	0.12 max	0.25 max ^a	0.40 max	0.40–0.80	0.07 max	0.30 max	0.06 max
Titanium	0.15 max	0.10 max	0.02–0.10	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.10 max	0.10 max	0.06 max
Zinc	0.25 max	0.25 max	0.10 max	0.25 max	0.25 max	0.30–0.50	3.50–4.50	7.0–8.0
Zirconium	...	0.08–0.16	0.10–0.25	...	...	0.05–0.15	...	0.08–0.15
Silver	0.15–0.60	0.25–0.60	...	...	...	0.05–0.50	...	...
Others (each)	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max	0.05 max
Others (total)	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.15 max	0.15 max
Aluminum	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder	Remainder

^aThe total weight percentage of the combination of silicon and iron cannot exceed 0.40%.

2. Experimental Procedure

The V₅₀ is defined as the impact velocity at which the projectile is equally as likely to penetrate the target as it is to arrest. A 0.51-mm (0.020-inch) 2024 T3 Al witness plate was positioned 152 mm (6 inches) behind the target to determine the outcome of each shot. An impact is regarded as a complete penetration (CP), or loss, if the projectile or a resulting target fragment from impact creates a hole in the witness plate through which light can be observed. If an impact does not result in a CP, it is considered a partial penetration (PP), or win. To keep results as consistent as possible, only shots conforming to the following conditions were used to determine the V₅₀: The projectile must be unyawed—less than 2° of total yaw for AP rounds and less than 5° of total yaw for FSPs—and strike the target at least 2 projectile diameters from any previous impact or damage or the edge of the target. Total yaw is defined as the vector sum of the projectile's pitch and yaw. The V₅₀ is calculated by the arithmetic mean of an equal number of CPs and PPs within an 18-m/s (60-ft/s) spread for a 2 + 2 V₅₀, a 27-m/s (90-ft/s) spread for a 3 + 3 V₅₀, and as small of a spread as attainable for a 5 + 5 V₅₀.³

Projectile velocities for the determination of the V₅₀ were measured using one of 2 methods, as shown in Fig. 1. The first method is an orthogonal flash X-ray system, described in detail by Grabarek and Herr,⁴ which also measures pitch and yaw. The second method uses 3 infrared (IR) screens and a chronograph. The velocity is calculated using the first and third screens with the middle screen used to check for

bad readings. The flash X-ray method was used in situations with projectiles that historically exhibit excessive yaw or if space did not allow for the use of the IR break screens. When the IR break screens and chronograph were used, the projectile velocity was corrected to the target-impact location using a correction factor based on an initial flash X-ray reading at the impact location. The correction was made using Eqs. 1 and 2 in lieu of using the following air-drag factors:

$$\frac{(\text{x-ray velocity})}{(\text{chronograph velocity})} = (\text{correction factor}). \quad (1)$$

$$(\text{correction factor}) \times (\text{chronograph velocity}) = (\text{corrected velocity}). \quad (2)$$

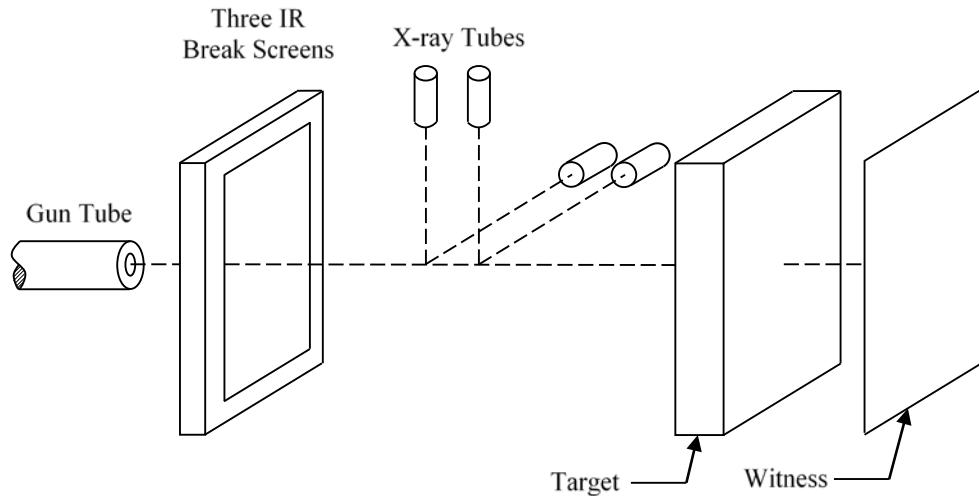


Fig. 1 Typical test setup

3. Test Projectiles

3.1 Armor-Piercing Projectiles

The US 0.30-cal. and 0.50-cal. APM2 are the 2 AP projectiles that were used in this study. These projectiles are shown in Fig. 2. The APM2 projectiles have hardened steel cores with a Rockwell hardness of C61–65. The physical characteristics of these projectiles are listed in Table 3.

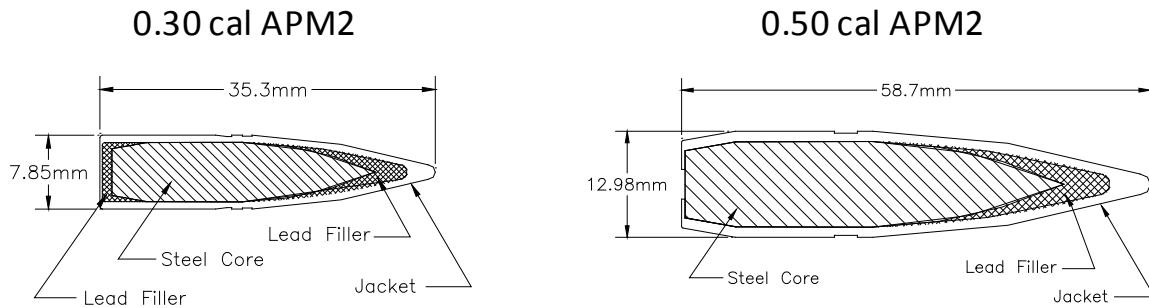


Fig. 2 AP projectiles

Table 3 AP projectiles' physical characteristics⁵

Projectile type	Projectile			Core		
	Length (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Weight (g)	Length (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Weight (g)
0.30-cal. APM2	35.3	7.85	10.8	27.4	6.2	5.3
0.50-cal. APM2	58.7	12.98	45.9	47.5	10.9	25.9

3.2 Fragment-Simulating Projectiles

FSPs (Fig. 3) are a family of projectiles that are flat-nosed right circular cylinders manufactured to MIL-DTL-46593B (MR).⁶ These projectiles are used in material evaluations and acceptance testing to simulate performance against fragments produced from improvised explosive devices and artillery. Both 0.50-cal. and 20-mm FSPs were used for the evaluation of AA2060.

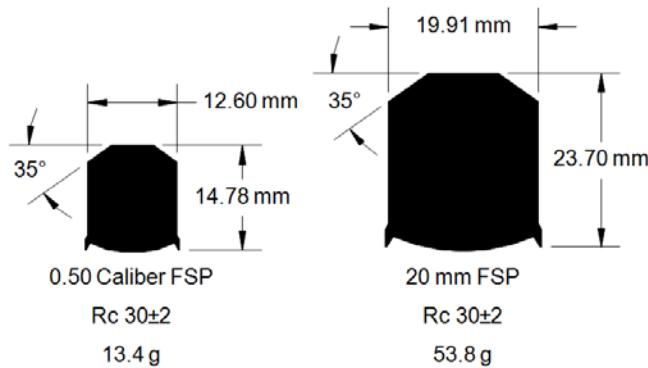


Fig. 3 FSP projectiles

4. Results and Analysis

The test results are summarized in Tables 4–8. The individual shot records are provided in Appendix A, and ballistic data obtained by the US Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC)⁷ are included in Appendix B.

Table 4 APM2 0.30-cal., 30° obliquity V₅₀ ballistic limits for AA2060

Plate ID	Nominal thickness		Actual thickness		Areal density		V ₅₀		Standard deviation	
	(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)	(kg/m ²)	(lb/ft ²)	(m/s)	(ft/s)	(m/s)	(ft/s)
215-014	12.70	0.50	15.98	0.629	43.33	8.88	586	1,921	6	19
215-016	12.70	0.50	17.22	0.678	46.71	9.57	628	2,059	6	19
425-801	19.05	0.75	21.62	0.851	58.63	12.01	707	2,319	4	14

Table 5 APM2 0.30-cal., 0° obliquity V₅₀ ballistic limits for AA2060

Plate ID	Nominal thickness		Actual thickness		Areal density		V ₅₀		Standard deviation	
	(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)	(kg/m ²)	(lb/ft ²)	(m/s)	(ft/s)	(m/s)	(ft/s)
425-801	19.05	0.75	21.62	0.851	58.63	12.01	642	2,107	7	22
215-019	25.40	1.00	22.89	0.901	62.07	12.71	659	2,161	9	30
425-871	25.40	1.00	22.81	0.898	61.86	12.67	667	2,189	8	26
425-841	25.40	1.00	24.38	0.960	66.14	13.55	684	2,243	9	29
425-811	31.75	1.25	30.18	1.188	81.84	16.76	779	2,556	11	36
425-822	38.10	1.50	36.93	1.454	100.17	20.52	889	2,916	6	19
425-852	38.10	1.50	36.60	1.441	99.27	20.33	879	2,884	9	28
215-012	38.10	1.50	38.10	1.500	103.34	21.17	898	2,945	8	26
215-006	38.10	1.50	38.56	1.518	104.58	21.42	906	2,972	7	24

Table 6 APM2 0.50-cal., 0° obliquity V₅₀ ballistic limits for AA2060

Plate ID	Nominal thickness		Actual thickness		Areal density		V ₅₀		Standard deviation	
	(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)	(kg/m ²)	(lb/ft ²)	(m/s)	(ft/s)	(m/s)	(ft/s)
425-822	38.10	1.50	36.93	1.454	100.17	20.52	650	2,132	10	32
425-852	38.10	1.50	36.60	1.441	99.27	20.33	648	2,127	5	17
215-012	38.10	1.50	38.10	1.500	103.34	21.17	652	2,140	5	18
215-006	38.10	1.50	38.56	1.518	104.58	21.42	660	2,164	9	28
425-821	50.80	2.00	49.66	1.955	134.68	27.59	772	2,532	6	21
425-851	50.80	2.00	49.50	1.949	134.27	27.50	765	2,509	7	24
425-881	50.80	2.00	49.68	1.956	134.75	27.60	767	2,517	10	32
215-011	57.15	2.25	54.99	2.165	149.15	30.55	806	2,646	6	19
425-831	63.50	2.50	62.08	2.444	168.37	34.48	873	2,864	4	13
425-861	63.50	2.50	61.75	2.431	167.47	34.30	868	2,847	11	36

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Table 7 FSP 0.50-cal., 0° obliquity V₅₀ ballistic limits for AA2060

Plate ID	Nominal thickness		Actual thickness		Areal density		V ₅₀		Standard deviation	
	(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)	(kg/m ²)	(lb/ft ²)	(m/s)	(ft/s)	(m/s)	(ft/s)
425-801	19.05	0.75	21.62	0.851	58.63	12.01	766	2,514	7	23
215-019	25.40	1.00	22.89	0.901	62.07	12.71	914	2,998	6	19
425-871	25.40	1.00	22.81	0.898	61.86	12.67	903	2,962	6	21
425-841	25.40	1.00	24.38	0.960	66.14	13.55	987	3,239	11	35

Table 8 FSP 20-mm, 0° obliquity V₅₀ ballistic limits for AA2060

Plate ID	Nominal thickness		Actual thickness		Areal density		V ₅₀		Standard deviation	
	(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)	(kg/m ²)	(lb/ft ²)	(m/s)	(ft/s)	(m/s)	(ft/s)
215-019	25.40	1.00	22.94	0.903	62.21	12.74	427	1,401	17	56
425-871	25.40	1.00	22.96	0.904	62.28	12.76	396	1,298	5	16
425-841	25.40	1.00	24.21	0.953	65.65	13.45	447	1,468	5	17
425-811	31.75	1.25	30.05	1.183	81.50	16.69	599	1,965	6	19
425-822	38.10	1.50	37.03	1.458	100.44	20.57	881	2,892	8	25
425-852	38.10	1.50	36.60	1.441	99.27	20.33	865	2,839	5	17
215-012	38.10	1.50	38.10	1.500	103.34	21.17	909	2,983	7	22
215-006	38.10	1.50	38.43	1.513	104.23	21.35	923	3,027	1	3
425-821	50.80	2.00	49.53	1.950	134.34	27.51	1213	3,979	6	21
425-851	50.80	2.00	49.53	1.950	134.34	27.51	1233	4,047	8	25

The results of the ballistic evaluation are compared directly against the acceptance curves of AA2195 and AA2139 in MIL-DTL-32341A.¹ Figures 4–8 show the AA2060 test data collected by ARL and ATC as compared with the other specification. The data displayed are the V₅₀ as a function of the plate thickness. To allow for a fair comparison against the existing specification, a line depicting the V₅₀ –2σ was plotted against the acceptance spec. This line represents a V₀₂ rather than a V₅₀. To ensure successful protection at a given thickness, the lower band of the 2σ distribution (V₀₂ line) is used to define minimum acceptable performance. A V₅₀ falling below this line is considered unacceptable. For comparison purposes it should also be noted that the plates are compared on a thickness basis to be consistent with the specifications; however, the densities of the alloys vary slightly. Both AA2060 and AA2195 have a density of 2.71 g/cm³ whereas AA2139 has a density of 2.80 g/cm³.

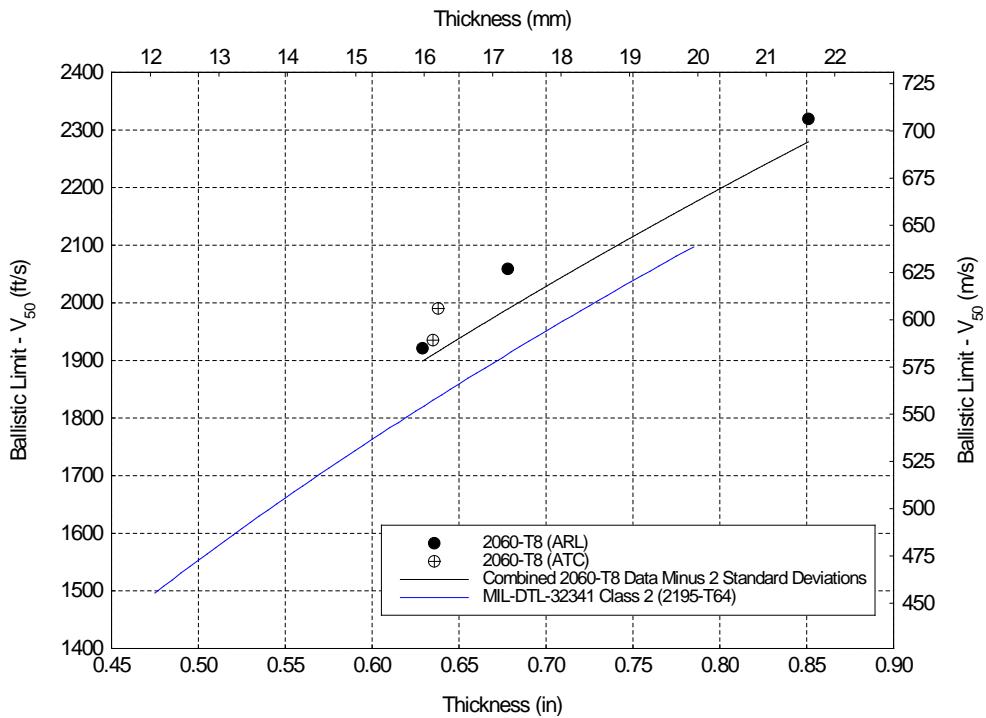


Fig. 4 Ballistic limit vs. thickness of AA2060 as compared with the existing specification for the 0.30-cal. APM2 at 30° obliquity

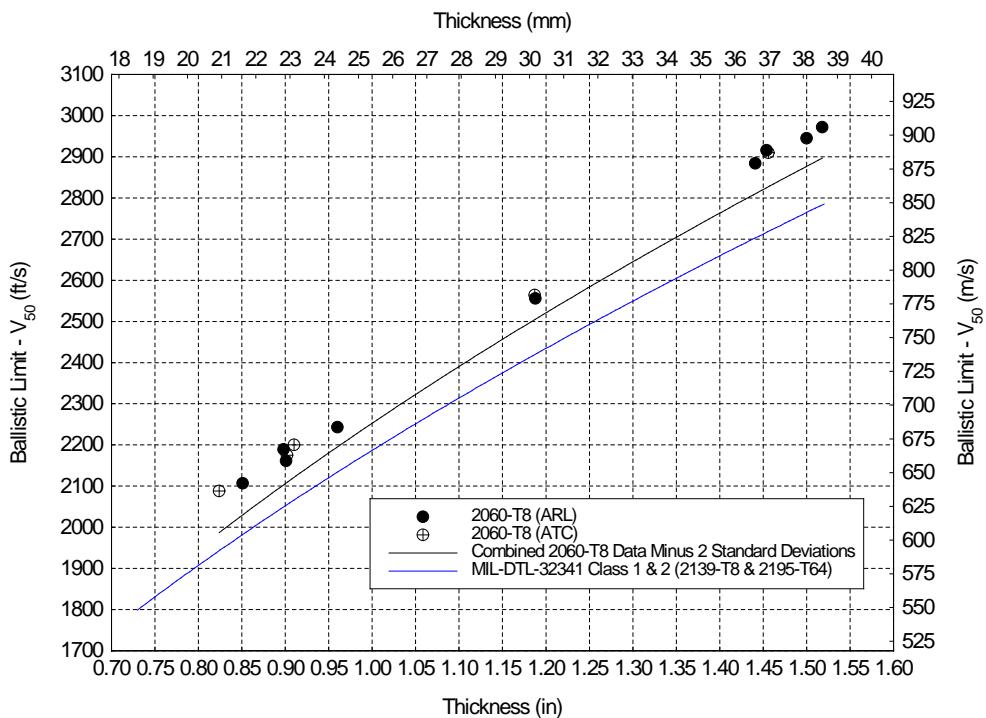


Fig. 5 Ballistic limit vs. thickness of AA2060 as compared with the existing specification for the 0.30-cal. APM2 at 0° obliquity

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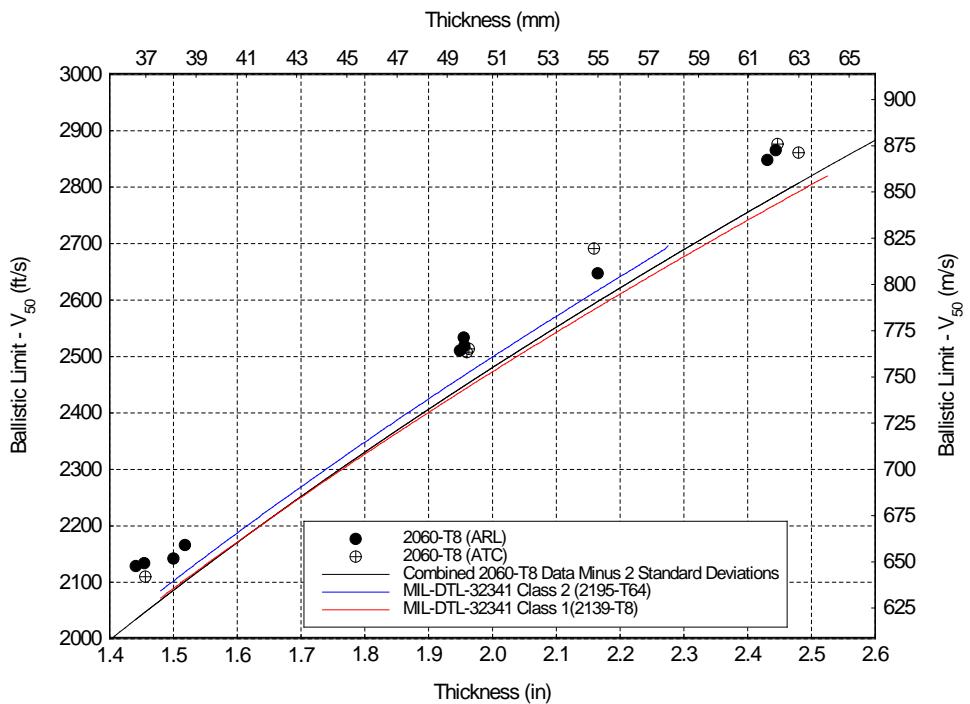


Fig. 6 Ballistic limit vs. thickness of AA2060 as compared with the existing specification for the 0.50-cal. APM2 at 0° obliquity

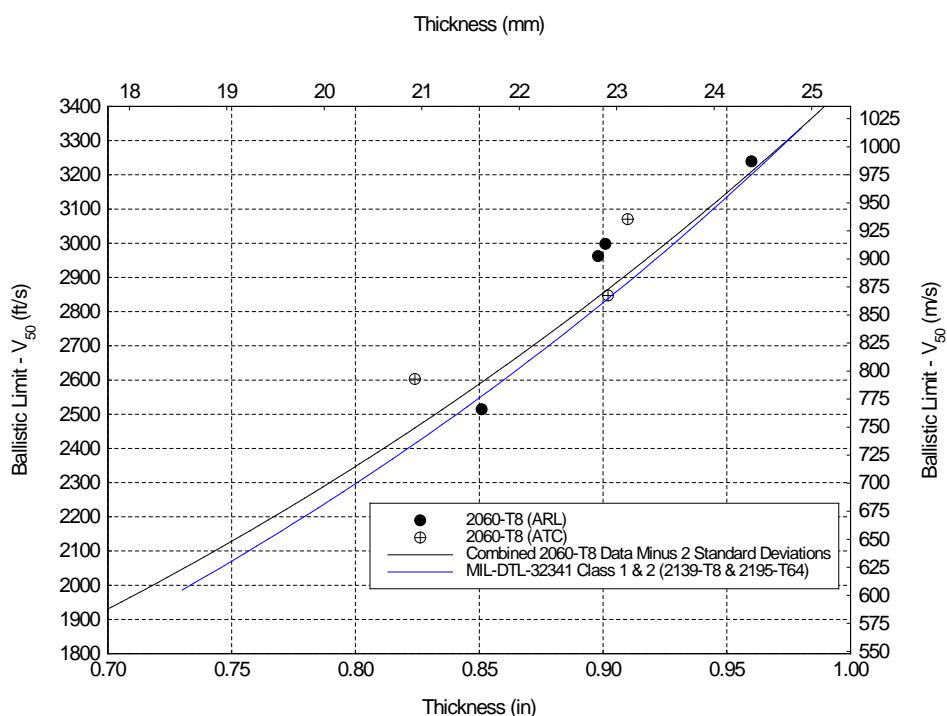


Fig. 7 Ballistic limit vs. thickness of AA2060 as compared with the existing specification for the 0.50-cal. FSP at 0° obliquity

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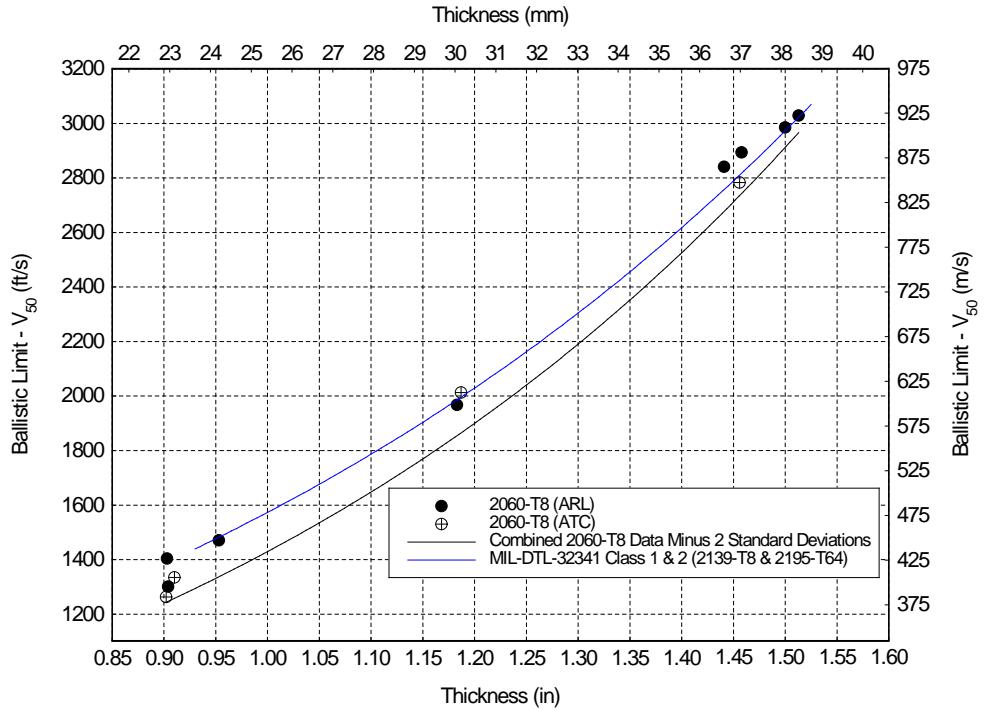


Fig. 8 Ballistic limit vs. thickness of AA2060 as compared with the existing specification for the 20-mm FSP at 0° obliquity

As can be observed in Figs. 4–6, the AP performance for AA2060 is higher than the existing AA2195 and AA2139 acceptance requirements against 0.30-cal. APM2. For the 0.50-cal. APM2, the performance is slightly higher than AA2139 and slightly lower than AA2195. Also note that the maximum thickness evaluated and qualified for AA2060 is 2.5 inches as compared with 2.25 inches for AA2195.

Examining the FSP performance (Figs. 7 and 8), it can be observed that the performance of AA2060 is not as well behaved as the AP data. The 0.50-cal. FSP performance yielded a $V_{50} - 2\sigma$ that was slightly higher than the existing specification but contained 2 data points that fell below that line. For the 20-mm FSP, AA2060 exhibited lower performance than AA2195 and AA2139. The performance gap is greater at lower thickness than higher ones.

The data collected by ARL, as well as data collected by ATC,⁷ were then used to generate acceptance tables for MIL-DTL-32341A (MR).¹ The acceptance velocities were calculated by fitting the V_{50} data minus 2 standard deviations with Eqs. 3 and 4 for AP and FSP projectiles, respectively.^{8,9}

$$V_A = 1000\sqrt{a + bt} . \quad (3)$$

$$V_A = 1000e^{a+bt} . \quad (4)$$

In Eqs. 3 and 4, V_A is the acceptance velocity, t is the actual thickness of the plate, and both a and b are constants of regression. Table 9 lists the constants of regression and the Pearson's R correlation coefficient for each projectile. The ballistic tables corresponding to the acceptance curves can be found in MIL-DTL-32341A (MR).¹

Table 9 Constants of regression for the acceptance curves for AA2060

Projectile type	6055		
	a	b	R
0.30-cal. APM2 at 30°	-0.902	7.17	0.977
0.30-cal. APM2 at 0°	-1.33	6.40	0.998
0.50-cal. APM2 at 0°	-1.06	3.60	0.997
0.50-cal. FSP at 0°	-0.711	1.96	0.869
20-mm FSP at 0°	-1.07	1.43	0.996

5. Conclusions

A ballistic evaluation has been performed on AA2060 in the T8 temper. This report has compared the performance of AA2060 against existing military-specification Al-armor material, namely AA2195 and AA2139. AA2060 performed better than AA2195 and AA2139 against the 0.30-cal. APM2 and demonstrated similar performance against the 0.50-cal. APM2. For FSP projectiles, AA2060 had similar performance to AA2195 and AA2139 against the 0.50-cal. FSP but exhibited some scattered data. For the 20-mm FSP, AA2060 had performance lower than that of AA2195 and AA2139, with a greater performance gap at lower thickness than with higher ones. This report has also documented the calculations used to derive the acceptance tables included in the updated military specification MIL-DTL-32341A (MR).

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Appendix A. Ballistic Test Data: Individual Shot Results

This appendix appears in its original form, without editorial change.

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0.30-cal APM2

Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/20/2013		
Plate Number:	215-014				Location:	EF 106		
Thickness, in:	0.629							
Thickness, mm:	15.98							
Hardness, BHN:	159							
Obliquity:	30°							
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2							
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono							
V ₅₀ : 1921 ft/s			Number of Shots: 4					
Std Dev: 19 ft/s			Spread: 44 ft/s					
ZMR: N/A								
Striking Velocity		Pitch (deg)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
(ft/s)	(m/s)							
1984	605	--	--	CP	No	12960		
1873	571	--	--	PP	No	12961		
1926	587	--	--	CP	Yes	12962		
1880	573	--	--	PP	No	12963		
1910	582	--	--	PP	Yes	12964		
1978	603	--	--	CP	No	12965		
1946	593	--	--	CP	Yes	12966		
1902	580	--	--	PP	Yes	12967		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/19/2013	
Plate Number:	215-016				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	0.678						
Thickness, mm:	17.22						
Hardness, BHN:	166						
Obliquity:	30°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2059 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 19 ft/s				Spread: 43 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
1939	591	--	PP	No	12954		
2033	620	--	PP	Yes	12955		
2158	658	--	CP	No	12956		
2076	633	--	CP	Yes	12957		
2055	626	--	PP	Yes	12958		
2070	631	--	CP	Yes	12959		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/15/2013	
Plate Number:	425-801				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	0.851						
Thickness, mm:	21.62						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	30°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2319 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 14 ft/s				Spread: 33 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2323	708	--	CP	Yes	12946		
2211	674	--	PP	No	12947		
2269	692	--	PP	No	12948		
2250	686	--	PP	No	12949		
2303	702	--	PP	Yes	12950		
2314	705	--	PP	Yes	12951		
2369	722	--	CP	No	12952		
2336	712	--	CP	Yes	12953		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/14/2013	
Plate Number:	425-801				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	0.851						
Thickness, mm:	21.62						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2107 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 22 ft/s				Spread: 48 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2095	639	--	PP	Yes	12940		
2188	667	--	CP	No	12941		
2068	630	--	PP	No	12942		
2120	646	--	CP	Yes	12943		
2083	635	--	PP	Yes	12944		
2131	649	--	CP	Yes	12945		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/8/2013	
Plate Number:	425-871				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	0.898						
Thickness, mm:	22.81						
Hardness, BHN:	156						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2189 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 26 ft/s				Spread: 57 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2262	689	--	CP	No	12928		
2242	683	--	CP	No	12929		
2107	642	--	PP	No	12930		
2174	663	--	PP	Yes	12931		
2225	678	--	CP	Yes	12932		
2187	667	--	CP	Yes	12933		
2168	661	--	PP	Yes	12934		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/7/2013	
Plate Number:	425-841				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	0.960						
Thickness, mm:	24.38						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2243 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 29 ft/s				Spread: 60 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2135	651	--	PP	No	12920		
2313	705	--	CP	No	12921		
2188	667	--	PP	No	12922		
2228	679	--	PP	Yes	12923		
2269	692	--	CP	Yes	12924		
2209	673	--	PP	Yes	12925		
2295	699	--	CP	No	12926		
2265	690	--	CP	Yes	12927		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/26/2013	
Plate Number:	425-811				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	1.188						
Thickness, mm:	30.18						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2556 ft/s				Number of Shots: 6			
Std Dev: 36 ft/s				Spread: 88 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2563	781	--	PP	Yes	12984		
2603	793	--	CP	No	12985		
2582	787	--	CP	Yes	12986		
2520	768	--	PP	Yes	12987		
2575	785	--	CP	Yes	12988		
2504	763	--	PP	Yes	12989		
2592	790	--	CP	Yes	12990		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/21/2013	
Plate Number:	425-822				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	1.454						
Thickness, mm:	36.93						
Hardness, BHN:	166						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2916 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 19 ft/s				Spread: 37 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (deg)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2870	875	--	--	PP	No	12968	
2901	884	--	--	PP	Yes	12969	
2992	912	--	--	CP	No	12970	
2970	905	--	--	CP	No	12971	
2936	895	--	--	CP	Yes	12972	
2927	892	--	--	CP	Yes	12973	
2899	884	--	--	PP	Yes	12974	

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/6/2013	
Plate Number:	215-006				Location:	EF 106	
Thickness, in:	1.518						
Thickness, mm:	38.56						
Hardness, BHN:	170						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.30-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2972 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 24 ft/s				Spread: 47 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2863	873	--	PP	No	12914		
2922	891	--	PP	No	12915		
2998	914	--	CP	Yes	12916		
2952	900	--	PP	Yes	12917		
2986	910	--	CP	Yes	12918		
2951	899	--	PP	Yes	12919		

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0.50-cal APM2

Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/29/2013		
Plate Number:	425-822				Location:	EF 108		
Thickness, in:	1.454							
Thickness, mm:	36.93							
Hardness, BHN:	166							
Obliquity:	0°							
Projectile:	0.50-cal AMP2							
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray							
V ₅₀ :	2132 ft/s			Number of Shots: 6				
Std Dev:	32 ft/s			Spread: 85 ft/s				
ZMR:	N/A							
Striking Velocity		Pitch (deg)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
(ft/s)	(m/s)							
2103	641	--	--	PP	Yes	11551		
2108	642	--	--	PP	Yes	11552		
2188	667	--	--	CP	Yes	11553		
2131	649	--	--	CP	Yes	11554		
2115	645	--	--	PP	Yes	11555		
2144	653	--	--	CP	Yes	11556		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/28/2013	
Plate Number:	425-852				Location:	EF 108	
Thickness, in:	1.441						
Thickness, mm:	36.60						
Hardness, BHN:	163						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.50-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 2127 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 17 ft/s				Spread: 38 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2079	634	--	PP	No	11545		
2144	653	--	CP	Yes	11546		
2088	636	--	PP	No	11547		
2106	642	--	PP	Yes	11548		
2122	647	--	PP	Yes	11549		
2135	651	--	CP	Yes	11550		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/27/2013	
Plate Number:	215-012				Location:	EF 108	
Thickness, in:	1.500						
Thickness, mm:	38.10						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.50-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 2140 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 18 ft/s				Spread: 43 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2166	660	--	CP	Yes	11539		
2072	632	--	PP	No	11540		
2102	641	--	PP	No	11541		
2136	651	--	CP	Yes	11542		
2123	647	--	PP	Yes	11543		
2135	651	--	PP	Yes	11544		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	8/30/2013	
Plate Number:	425-861				Location:	EF 108	
Thickness, in:	2.431						
Thickness, mm:	61.75						
Hardness, BHN:	166						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.50-cal AMP2						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 2847 ft/s				Number of Shots: 6			
Std Dev: 36 ft/s				Spread: 85 ft/s			
ZMR: 35 ft/s							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2689	820	--	--	PP	No	11557	
2878	877	--	--	PP	Yes	11558	
2966	904	--	--	CP	No	11559	
2918	889	--	--	CP	No	11560	
2921	890	--	--	CP	No	11561	
2882	878	--	--	CP	Yes	11562	
2843	867	--	--	CP	Yes	11563	
2797	852	--	--	PP	Yes	11564	
2811	857	--	--	PP	Yes	11565	
2872	875	--	--	CP	Yes	11566	

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0.50-cal FSP

Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/19/2013		
Plate Number:	425-801				Location:	EF 108		
Thickness, in:	0.851							
Thickness, mm:	21.62							
Hardness, BHN:	159							
Obliquity:	0°							
Projectile:	0.50-cal FSP							
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono							
V ₅₀ : 2514 ft/s			Number of Shots: 4					
Std Dev: 23 ft/s			Spread: 50 ft/s					
ZMR: N/A								
Striking Velocity		Pitch (deg)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
(ft/s)	(m/s)							
2712	827	--	--	CP	No	11619		
2519	768	--	--	CP	Yes	11620		
2346	715	--	--	PP	No	11621		
2459	749	--	--	PP	No	11622		
2494	760	--	--	PP	Yes	11623		
2499	762	--	--	PP	Yes	11624		
2544	775	--	--	CP	Yes	11625		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/18/2013	
Plate Number:	215-019				Location:	EF 108	
Thickness, in:	0.901						
Thickness, mm:	22.89						
Hardness, BHN:	156						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.50-cal FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2998 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 19 ft/s				Spread: 41 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2991	912	--	CP	Yes	11612		
2924	891	--	PP	No	11613		
2985	910	--	PP	Yes	11614		
3026	922	--	CP	Yes	11615		
3033	924	--	CP	No	11616		
2929	893	--	PP	No	11617		
2988	911	--	PP	Yes	11618		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/17/2013	
Plate Number:	425-871				Location:	EF 108	
Thickness, in:	0.898						
Thickness, mm:	22.81						
Hardness, BHN:	156						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.50-cal FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 2962 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 21 ft/s				Spread: 49 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2814	858	--	PP	No	11603		
2834	864	--	PP	No	11604		
2931	893	--	PP	No	11605		
3044	928	--	CP	No	11606		
2968	905	--	CP	Yes	11607		
2934	894	--	PP	Yes	11608		
2964	903	--	PP	Yes	11609		
3025	922	--	CP	No	11610		
2983	909	--	CP	Yes	11611		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/16/2013	
Plate Number:	425-841				Location:	EF 108	
Thickness, in:	0.960						
Thickness, mm:	24.38						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	0.50-cal FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	Chrono						
V ₅₀ : 3239 ft/s				Number of Shots: 6			
Std Dev: 35 ft/s				Spread: 87 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
3282	1000	--	CP	Yes	11596		
3144	958	--	PP	No	11597		
3262	994	--	CP	Yes	11598		
3195	974	--	PP	Yes	11599		
3213	979	--	PP	Yes	11600		
3218	981	--	PP	Yes	11601		
3265	995	--	CP	Yes	11602		

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20-mm FSP

Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/26/2013		
Plate Number:	215-019				Location:	EF 110G		
Thickness, in:	0.903							
Thickness, mm:	22.94							
Hardness, BHN:	159							
Obliquity:	0°							
Projectile:	20-mm FSP							
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray							
V ₅₀ : 1401 ft/s			Number of Shots: 10					
Std Dev: 56 ft/s			Spread: 151 ft/s					
ZMR: 79 ft/s								
Striking Velocity		Pitch (deg)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
(ft/s)	(m/s)							
1462	446	--	--	PP	Yes	14557		
1485	453	--	--	CP	No	14558		
1449	442	--	--	CP	Yes	14559		
1479	451	--	--	CP	Yes	14560		
1453	443	--	--	CP	Yes	14561		
1383	422	--	--	CP	Yes	14562		
1304	397	--	--	PP	No	14563		
1328	405	--	--	PP	Yes	14564		
1341	409	--	--	PP	Yes	14565		
1346	410	--	--	PP	Yes	14566		
1361	415	--	--	PP	Yes	14567		
1403	415	--	--	CP	Yes	14568		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/27/2013	
Plate Number:	425-871				Location:	EF 110G	
Thickness, in:	0.904						
Thickness, mm:	22.96						
Hardness, BHN:	159						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	20-mm FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 1298 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 16 ft/s				Spread: 34 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
1481	451	--	CP	No	14569		
1361	415	--	CP	No	14570		
1262	385	--	PP	No	14571		
1138	347	--	PP	No	14572		
1274	388	--	PP	Yes	14573		
1303	397	--	PP	Yes	14574		
1308	399	--	CP	Yes	14575		
1305	398	--	CP	Yes	14576		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	9/30/2013	
Plate Number:	425-841				Location:	EF 110G	
Thickness, in:	0.953						
Thickness, mm:	24.21						
Hardness, BHN:	163						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	20-mm FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 1468 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 17 ft/s				Spread: 38 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
1681	512	--	CP	No	14579		
1566	477	--	CP	No	14580		
1532	467	--	CP	No	14581		
1456	444	--	PP	Yes	14582		
1490	454	--	CP	Yes	14583		
1472	449	--	CP	Yes	14584		
1452	443	--	PP	Yes	14585		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	10/3/2013	
Plate Number:	425-852				Location:	EF 110G	
Thickness, in:	1.441						
Thickness, mm:	36.60						
Hardness, BHN:	163						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	20-mm FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 2839 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 17 ft/s				Spread: 35 ft/s			
ZMR: 35 ft/s							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
2898	883	--	CP	No	14597		
2848	868	--	CP	Yes	14598		
2814	858	--	CP	Yes	14599		
2793	851	--	PP	No	14600		
2800	853	--	PP	No	14601		
2844	867	--	PP	Yes	14602		
2849	868	--	PP	Yes	14603		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	10/9/2013	
Plate Number:	215-006				Location:	EF 110G	
Thickness, in:	1.513						
Thickness, mm:	38.43						
Hardness, BHN:	163						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	20-mm FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V ₅₀ : 3027 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 3 ft/s				Spread: 8 ft/s			
ZMR: 2 ft/s							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
3101	945	--	CP	No	14612		
3071	936	--	CP	No	14613		
2995	913	--	PP	No	14614		
2992	912	--	PP	No	14615		
3031	924	--	CP	Yes	14616		
3023	921	--	PP	Yes	14617		
2955	901	--	PP	No	14618		
3028	923	--	PP	Yes	14619		
3026	922	--	CP	Yes	14620		

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	10/6/2013	
Plate Number:	425-821				Location:	EF 110G	
Thickness, in:	1.950						
Thickness, mm:	49.53						
Hardness, BHN:	156						
Obliquity:	0°						
Projectile:	20-mm FSP						
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray						
V₅₀: 3979 ft/s				Number of Shots: 4			
Std Dev: 21 ft/s				Spread: 49 ft/s			
ZMR: N/A							
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments	
3093	943	--	--	PP	No	14621	
3219	981	--	--	PP	No	14622	
3386	1032	--	--	PP	No	14623	
4771	1454	--	--	CP	No	14628	
4527	1380	--	--	CP	No	14629	
4425	1349	--	--	N/A	No	14630 FSP hit stripper plate - No test	
4447	1355	--	--	CP	No	14631	
4346	1325	--	--	CP	No	14632	
4149	1265	--	--	CP	No	14633	
4063	1238	--	--	CP	No	14634	
3907	1191	--	--	PP	No	14635	
3954	1205	--	--	PP	Yes	14636	
4029	1228	--	--	CP	No	14637	
4003	1220	--	--	CP	Yes	14638	
3973	1211	--	--	PP	Yes	14639	
3987	1215	--	--	CP	Yes	14640	

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Target:	AA2060				Date:	10/23/2013		
Plate Number:	425-851				Location:	EF 110G		
Thickness, in:	1.950							
Thickness, mm:	49.53							
Hardness, BHN:	156							
Obliquity:	0°							
Projectile:	20-mm FSP							
Velocity Measurement:	X-ray							
V₅₀: 4047 ft/s				Number of Shots: 6				
Std Dev: 25 ft/s				Spread: 70 ft/s				
ZMR: N/A								
Striking Velocity (ft/s)	Pitch (m/s)	Yaw (deg)	Result (PP/CP)	Used for V ₅₀ (Yes/No)	Shot Number	Comments		
3957	1206	0.75	-0.25	PP	No			
4145	1263	0.00	-0.25	CP	No			
4142	1262	0.25	-0.25	CP	No	14643		
4021	1226	1.00	1.25	PP	Yes	14644		
4091	1247	0.25	0.00	CP	No	14645		
4091	1247	1.00	-0.75	PP	Yes	14646		
4118	1255	0.00	-0.50	CP	No	14647		
4038	1231	-0.25	0.00	CP	Yes	14648		
4053	1235	-0.25	1.25	CP	Yes	14649		
4050	1234	1.25	-0.25	CP	Yes	14650		
4026	1227	0.75	0.25	PP	Yes	14651		

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Appendix B. Additional Ballistic Test Data

The following tables list data collected by Aberdeen Test Center.¹

Table B-1 APM2 0.30-cal., 30° obliquity ballistic performance

Plate ID	Nominal thickness (mm)	Nominal thickness (inches)	Actual thickness (mm)	Actual thickness (inches)	Areal density (kg/m ²)	Ballistic limit (psf)	Ballistic limit (m/s)	Standard deviation (m/s)	Standard deviation (fps)
215-014	15.88	0.63	16.13	0.635	43.75	8.96	590	1,935	6
215-016	15.88	0.63	17.35	0.683	47.05	9.64	607	1,990	7

Table B-2 APM2 0.30-cal., 0° obliquity ballistic performance

Plate ID	Nominal thickness (mm)	Nominal thickness (inches)	Actual thickness (mm)	Actual thickness (inches)	Areal density (kg/m ²)	Ballistic limit (psf)	Ballistic limit (m/s)	Standard deviation (m/s)	Standard deviation (fps)
425-811	28.58	1.13	30.15	1.187	81.77	16.75	781	2,564	5
425-801	22.23	0.88	20.93	0.824	56.77	11.63	636	2,088	3
215-019	22.23	0.88	23.11	0.910	62.69	12.84	671	2,200	8
425-871	22.23	0.88	22.91	0.902	62.14	12.73	662	2,171	9
425-822	38.10	1.50	36.98	1.456	100.30	20.54	887	2,910	8

Table B-3 APM2 0.50-cal., 0° obliquity ballistic performance

Plate ID	Nominal thickness (mm)	Nominal thickness (inches)	Actual thickness (mm)	Actual thickness (inches)	Areal density (kg/m ²)	Ballistic limit (psf)	Ballistic limit (m/s)	Standard deviation (m/s)	Standard deviation (fps)
425-882	63.50	2.50	62.99	2.480	170.85	34.99	872	2,860	5
425-831	63.50	2.50	62.15	2.447	168.58	34.53	874	2,868	5
425-881	50.80	2.00	49.86	1.963	135.23	27.70	766	2,512	5
425-821	50.80	2.00	49.78	1.960	135.03	27.66	764	2,506	8
215-011	53.98	2.13	54.84	2.159	148.73	30.46	820	2,690	7
425-822	38.10	1.50	36.98	1.456	100.30	20.54	642	2,108	5

Table B-4 0.50-cal. FSP, 0° obliquity ballistic performance

Plate ID	Nominal thickness (mm)	Nominal thickness (inches)	Actual thickness (mm)	Actual thickness (inches)	Areal density (kg/m ²)	Ballistic limit (psf)	Ballistic limit (m/s)	Standard deviation (m/s)	Standard deviation (fps)
425-811	28.58	1.13	30.15	1.187	81.77	16.75	1,259	4,132	2
215-014	15.88	0.63	16.13	0.635	43.75	8.96	502	1,646	4
215-016	15.88	0.63	17.35	0.683	47.05	9.64	531	1,743	6
425-801	22.23	0.88	20.93	0.824	56.77	11.63	793	2,603	7
215-019	22.23	0.88	23.11	0.910	62.69	12.84	936	3,070	5
425-871	22.23	0.88	22.91	0.902	62.14	12.73	868	2,847	7

¹MIL-DTL-32341 (MR). Armor plate, aluminum, alloy 2139 weldable and alloy 2195 and 2060 unweldable appliqué. Aberdeen Proving Ground (MD): Army Research Laboratory (US); 2015 Apr 15.

Table B-5 FSP 20-mm, 0° obliquity ballistic performance

Plate ID	Nominal thickness (mm)	Nominal thickness (inches)	Actual thickness (mm)	Actual thickness (inches)	Areal density (kg/m²)	Ballistic limit (psf)	Ballistic limit (m/s)	Standard deviation (m/s)	Standard deviation (fps)	
425-811	28.58	1.13	30.15	1.187	81.77	16.75	613	2,010	7	24
215-019	22.23	0.88	23.11	0.910	62.69	12.84	406	1,332	7	24
425-871	22.23	0.88	22.91	0.902	62.14	12.73	384	1,260	5	16
425-881	50.80	2.00	49.86	1.963	135.23	27.70	1237	4,058	8	26
425-821	50.80	2.00	49.78	1.960	135.03	27.66	1203	3,948	8	26
215-011	53.98	2.13	54.84	2.159	148.73	30.46	1356	4,450	9	29
425-822	38.10	1.50	36.98	1.456	100.30	20.54	848	2,781	8	27

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List of Symbols, Abbreviations, and Acronyms

AA	aluminum alloy
Al	aluminum
AP	armor-piercing
ARL	US Army Research Laboratory
ATC	Aberdeen Test Center
CP	complete penetration
DAC	Defense Acquisition Challenge
EF	experimental facility
FSP	fragment-simulating projectile
IR	infrared
OSD	US Office of the Secretary of Defense
PP	partial penetration

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